

IN THE CLAIMS:

C1
1. (Twice amended) An injectable composition for delivery of osteogenic proteins comprising a pharmaceutically-acceptable admixture comprising

- (a) an osteogenic protein; and
- (b) an injectable hyaluronic acid ester.

C2
3. (Twice amended) The composition of claim 1 further comprising a pore-forming agent wherein said pore-forming agent promotes in situ pore formation following injection of said composition.

C3
7. (Amended) An injectable composition for delivery of osteogenic proteins comprising a pharmaceutically-acceptable admixture comprising

- (a) BMP-2;
- (b) an injectable hyaluronic acid ester.

C4
11. (New) The composition of claim 2 further comprising a pore-forming agent wherein said pore-forming agent promotes in situ pore formation following injection of said composition.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested. During a telephone conference on July 8, the Examiner indicated that he would consider further amendments including

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